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In re application of: Charles Zuker et al.

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Examiner: Michael T. Brannock

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Specific Ion Channel

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Assays for Taste Receptor Cell

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 18, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.